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SUBJ: PRESS REPORTS ICRC LETTERS TO NORTH KOREA

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1. KOREAN AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE PRESS HAVE GIVEN HEADLINE FRONT-PAGE COVERAGE TO JUNE 26 ANNOUNCEMENT BY KOREAN NATIONAL RED CROSS (KNRC) THAT INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF RED CROSS (ICRC) JUNE 14 SENT TWO LETTERS TO NORTH KOREAN RED CROSS. ONE LETTER TRANSMITTED KNRC PREPARED LIST OF 426 MISSING SOUTH KOREANS BELIEVED TO BE IN NORTH. THE OTHER TRANSMITTED A PETITION FROM THE FEDERATION OF KOREAN TRADE UNIONS PRESIDENT PAE SANG-HO, REQUESTING INFORMATION ABOUT THE CREWS OF THE TWO FISHING BOATS SUNK OR CAPTURED BY NORTH IN FEB 1974.

2. PRESS EMPHASIZED ICRC OFFER CONTAINED IN LETTER TO SEND EXPERIENCED RED CROSS DELEGATE TO NORTH AS WELL AS ICRC PLEA ON "HUMANITARIAN" GROUNDS THAT FAMILIES SHOULD BE ALLOWED NEWS OF THOSE MISSING.

3. EARLIER PRESS HAD REPORTED JUNE 21 KNRC SPOKEMAN'S DISCLOSURE THAT A THIRD LETTER DATED JUNE 13 WAS SENT BY
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ICRC TO THE NORTH KOREAN RED CROSS. PRESS SAID LETTER PROPOSED FOR THE SECOND TIME, A SOUTH-NORTH RED CROSS MEETING IN GENEVA

AND TRANSMITTED THE SOUTH'S SUGGESTION TO HOLD THE
MEETING BY THE END OF JULY.

4. TEXTS OF LETTERS HAVE BEEN CARRIED IN FULL BY MOST PAPERS.
COPIES OF THESE LETTERS WERE POUCHED UNDER COVER REF B.
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